

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION AT CINCINNATI
C-1-02-cv-056**

**IN THE MATTER OF REFERENCES
TO THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES**

Estate Of Thomas Woeste, et al.,

v

AIG Life Companies (U.S.)

District Judge Sandra S. Beckwith
Magistrate Judge Jack Sherman, Jr.
Magistrate Judge Timothy S Hogan✓

GENERAL ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b) and Western Division Rule No. 1, all civil cases filed at the Cincinnati location of Court and assigned to District Judge Sandra S. Beckwith (except bankruptcy appeals) are hereby ORDERED referred to either Magistrate Judge Jack Sherman, Jr. or Magistrate Judge Timothy S. Hogan, depending upon the case assignment made by the Clerk in the first instance, who are authorized in such cases (1) to rule on all nondispositive pretrial motions, in no event, however, will the Magistrate Judge grant any deadline extension that will impact final pretrial or trial settings, (2) to hear and report to the Court his recommended disposition on all dispositive pretrial motions and on all post-trial motions, including applications for attorney's fees, (3) to serve as a special master for the non-jury trial of all cases in which the parties consent, in which an exceptional condition exists permitting special master trial, or in which special master trial is permitted by statute, and (4) to perform any and all functions authorized for full-time Magistrate Judges by Western Division Rule No. 1.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), in any of the above-referenced cases, upon unanimous consent of the parties, Magistrate Judge Sherman or Magistrate Judge Hogan may preside at trial and order the final entry of final judgment without further order of reference from the Court. In any case in which the parties so consent, appeal shall be to the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, absent express consent that the appeal be to the District Court.

In each case referred by this Order, this Order shall act as a reference and no further order of reference shall be required. The Clerk shall advise the parties in each such case of this General Order of Reference and of their right to consent to full magistrate judge trial authority under 28 U.S.C. § 636 (c).

October 16, 1996



Sandra S. Beckwith
United States District Judge